COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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APPLICATION OF MEADE COUNTY RURAL)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR A DECREASE IN EXISTING RATES) CASE NO. 97-209
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ORDER

Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade County") has petitioned for rehearing on the Commission's Order of May 6, 1998. Its petition presents issues that the Commission has addressed and resolved in its Order of June 11, 1998 in Case No. 97-204. Having considered the petition, the Commission finds that, consistent with the terms of the June 11, 1998 Order, Meade County's petition should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Meade County's petition for rehearing is granted.
- 2. The May 6, 1998 Order is modified to allow Meade County to continue charging the rates in effect on April 29, 1998 until the closing of the lease transaction between Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") and LG&E Energy Corporation ("LEC").
- 3. Meade County is granted a delay in the filing of its tariff sheets until 10 days after the closing of the lease transaction between Big Rivers and LEC.

Case No. 97-204, Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Western Kentucky Energy Corp., Western Kentucky Leasing Corp., and LG&E Station Two Inc. for Approval of Wholesale Rate Adjustment for Big Rivers Electric Corporation and for Approval of Transaction.

- 4. The rates approved by the May 6, 1998 Order shall become effective one day after the closing of the lease transaction between Big Rivers and LEC.
- 5. All provisions of the May 6, 1998 not modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of June, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairmán

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director